Singer Angela Croes combines spirituality and entertainment at Access Art Gallery

Award winning chanteuse Angela Croes has scheduled an encore performance of her one-woman show "An Encounter with Art" at the Access Art Gallery in Oranjestad for Friday and Saturday June 8 and 9. The internationally known singer staged a "mini-concert" this past Wednesday, may 23, during which a production crew filmed her along with noted Aruban musicians for her new musical DVD and a video titled "The Harvest" that will be broadcast on Venezuelan television.

Angela, born in Spain, has toured internationally, but has made her home in Aruba for over twenty years after marrying Aruban Julio Croes. Her impressive musical history includes wining a Platinum Record and the coveted "Imagen de Oro" Award of Venezuela.

Angela's core repertoire, for which she is best known, is Spiritual and Gospel in Spanish, but she peppers her performance with beloved standards such as the Nat King Cole classic "Unforgettable," and English I songs like "Sometimes I feel like a Motherless Child." Her vibrant and powerful voice is well suited to her soulful selections that were filmed for her new CD.

Accompanying Angela during the preview concert were noted musicians Johnny and Gregory Scharbaai on keyboards and percussion and Eduardo "El Prove" Proveyer Llopiz on sax and clarinet. They will also perform with Angela in June.

Wednesday's varied program was of an international flavor, as Angela revealed she began as a secular singer, turning to Gospel in the late eighties. Her grand finale for the evening was her forte, a powerful Spanish spiritual, "Only You," accompanied on the keyboards by Luis Bueno, and on guitar by Eliel Bueno, producer of the DVD and TV program. Tickets for the June concert are available at the Access Art Gallery Monday to Saturday from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM and cost 35 Arubian florins (\$20.) Judging by her preview performance, it will be a delightful evening.